

LONDON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Full Commission meeting
Friday 17 September 2010, 10 – 2pm, City Hall

Minutes

Present: John Plowman (chair), Adrian Gurney, Chris Church, Shaun McCarthy, Howard Davidson, Karen Lawrence, Paul de Zylva, Paul Toyne, Piers Williamson, Richard Stephenson, Samantha Heath, Sue Riddlestone, Andrew MacAskill, Alison Barnes

Secretariat: Patrick Feehily, Rita Singh, Rhiannon Lewis

Joined by: Martin Powell and Stephen Tate for Agenda item 5

Apologies: Paul Edwards, Ed Gillespie, Mike Tuffrey, Andy Wales

1. Welcome and introductions

JP welcomed Commissioners to the meeting.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

- All hub options enabling Commissioners to communicate online were found to be expensive or time-consuming to set up. A Wiki would allow for information sharing but it would not be possible to track changes on shared documents – which was the initial rationale.

Action: Secretariat to look in to setting up a Wiki for information sharing

3. Updates from sub-group meetings and progress report on 10 priority measures

- Minutes of all recent sub-group meetings were circulated in advance.
- All but three priority measures have now been decided. The remaining three will be developed over the year.
- AW has worked up an economic research proposal – to be discussed under item 4.
- AB and PT have worked up an access to nature research proposal – to be discussed under item 4.
- LSDC Commissioners have been meeting with GLA officers to identify where work can add most value (e.g. PW and Alan Benson, Head of Housing/HD and Alex Nickson Climate Change Adaptation and Water Manager). This will continue to feed in to the workplan where appropriate.

- CC has nearly completed his think piece on London Leaders as an alternative model of volunteering. This will be circulated by the end of the month.
- Note – the Open Source Planning document allows for individual local authorities to define sustainable development in the context of their local area.
- LSDC involvement in London Plan EiP:
 - JP – air quality – managed to agree wording that all developments should be “at least” air quality neutral.
 - PdZ – transport – advocated a hierarchical approach where pedestrians take priority.
 - SH – food - Wanted a co-ordinated approach with planning to ensure derelict land that is being redeveloped as allotments and orchards are protected by planning regulations;
 - CC noted that the London Civic Forum has set up Just Space for groups submitting to the EiP. General feedback is that groups have found involvement problematic.
 - The LSDC will consider whether to suggest changes to the EiP process.

Action: CC to contact Just Space to see how they are involved in feeding in to the proposed changes to the planning system.

Action: PW to prepare and circulate internal briefing outlining the headline messages he will be communicating when he attends the EiP technical session on 4th October.

4. Update on workplan/feedback from meetings with Mayor’s Office, including decision on work to be funded

- Meeting with Bridget Rosewell (24/08/10)
 - Although GLA economics do not use a formal forecasting model, they do see themselves as facilitators (including infrastructure development), supporters of innovation, and also seek to identify and remove barriers.
- Meeting with Martin Powell, Bridget Rosewell, Amanda Coyle (02/09/10)
 - Feedback on the draft workplan from the Mayor’s Office was positive.
 - Suggested links to GLA programmes were made.
 - Detailed feedback outlined in paper sent out in advance of this meeting.
- The draft workplan was signed off by Commissioners and will form the basis for work going forward.
- The workplan is a dynamic document and will evolve as necessary.
- Key pieces of work to be undertaken were discussed, and a decision was made as to where to allocate funding, as summarised in the table below:

Proposed item of work	Outline	Decision – work to be funded 2010/11?	Next steps
<p>Encourage Access to Nature</p> <p>Lead: AB/PT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research to identify how to maximise chances of children under 10 having regular contact with nature • Initial research followed by possible young London Leaders programme • See think piece by AB/PT (attached - item 4b) 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB/PT to draw up detailed proposal and identify possible partners • Secretariat to convene working group • Aim to commission research by November
<p>Sustainable Economy – EDS Research</p> <p>Lead: AW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission research and hold events to better understand the likely carbon and resource footprint and quality of job implications for the sectors which we expect to see the most growth e.g. business services • See think piece by AW (attached - item 4a) 	Combine with event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take forward as sustainable economy event (see below) • Possibility to fund further research in future years, if appropriate
<p>Sustainable Economy – event</p> <p>Lead: JP/AW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a joint seminar with business on carbon monitoring, in order to further London’s aspiration to make London a centre for carbon management and measurement • Aim to bring key players together and stimulate debate, not to replicate what is already underway 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link with AW think piece, and consider how to involve key growth sectors, e.g. business services • SR to outline how capital consumption work may link • Research what is

			<p>already being done - including Better Buildings Partnership (BBP), UN, GRI, BSI and National Physical Laboratory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All to send thoughts to secretariat • Secretariat to convene working group • Aim to hold event by end November
<p>Sustainable Procurement</p> <p>Lead: SR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR and CC&R sub-group to discuss details of this work following the meeting 	No	Work to be carried out and produced by commissioners with support of secretariat
<p>Air Quality</p> <p>Lead: JP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake research to understand London's place in relation to other cities on air quality, identify best practice and measures to help London improve performance (including on health), with a focus on prevention rather than cure 	No	Work to be carried out and produced by commissioners with support of secretariat
<p>Water Demand and Quality of Waterways</p> <p>Lead: HD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details TBC • Possible research in to barriers to reducing water demand, including institutional, financial, supply-side, and behavioural • Possible creation of cost abatement curve for demand and supply measures showing benefits of investing in demand management 	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HD to define questions to be addressed • HD to discuss with JP • KL to invite relevant EST staff to meeting

	<p>over and above supply side measures e.g. desalinisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible production of document for Mayor to endorse outlining guiding principles for replenishment and regeneration of waterways during design and build • See think piece by HD and PT 		
<p>London Leaders</p> <p>Lead: RS/KL</p>	<p>The Commission will continue to roll-out the successful London Leaders programme, including drawing out the implications in terms of the programme being a model for volunteering and delivery of the big society agenda</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat to continue to implement programme as per project plan • Targeted recruitment to be considered next round

5. Update on GLA environment programme from Martin Powell and Steven Tate

Action: Secretariat to consider ways in which GLA may support the London Sustainable Schools Forum (LSSF) through London Leader, Martin Crabbe, chair of LSSF.

Action: SH to speak to Emma Strain about catalysing change amongst SMEs

Action: MP and ST to attend future LSDC meeting for further update

Action: Secretariat to continue to link up LSDC with forthcoming strategies

6. Update from Commission for a Sustainable London 2012

- Presentation slides attached.

7. Ways of working

- This will be discussed at the away day.

8. Away day/half-day

- HD has kindly offered use of the Thames Barrier.
- River transport can be provided for 12 – interested parties to notify the Secretariat.
- Session will be half-day.
- Will not be held before November.
- May be held as well as, or in place of, next Full Commission meeting.
- May discuss ways of working, spending review, devolution.

Action: Suggestions for content/format to be sent to the Commission.

9. AOB

- The next London Leaders networking session will be held at Hammerson from 5pm on Thursday 30th September.

Next meeting/away day: Friday 10th December 2010, 10am – 2pm. Venue to be confirmed